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Identical letters dated 13 November 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to inform you of the recent developments in East Nusa Tenggara, which are as follows:

1. A meeting of the Indonesian Task Force for East Timorese refugees, attended by the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor Force Commander, Western Sector, discussed security at the border between East Timor and East Nusa Tenggara. In this regard the Government of Indonesia indicated that it planned to dispatch an additional company of marines to Belu regency, to patrol the waters in the border region between East Timor and East Nusa Tenggara, especially in the light of the need to stop illegal fishing in territorial waters. The Indonesian marines will be stationed at four bases, namely, Mota Ain and Metamauk in Belu regency, Wini in TTU regency and Oepoli waters in Kupang regency.

2. The refugee situation has improved and approximately 500 East Timorese in the Napan refugee camp, Northern Central Timor, have decided to return to East Timor. As the aforementioned refugee camp in Napan is only 5 kilometres from the East Timorese town of Oesilu in the Ambeno district, they will return on foot. The Indonesian Government will guarantee the safety of these refugees for their journey home.

It would be highly appreciated if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 49, and of the Security Council.

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